GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDIES ON FOOD AND FERTILIZERS
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;SURESH CHANDEL;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to curtail or to do away with the food and fertilizer subsidies;

(b) if so, the extent thereof;

(c) the details of subsidies and support measures adopted to help encourage the farmers;

(d) whether there is constant pressure from International Monetary Fund and International Financial Institutions for withdrawal of subsidies;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any Committee has been constituted by the Government on fertilizers prices; (g) if so, the details thereof; and (h) the action taken by the Government on the report of said Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(h) There is a proposal to reduce subsidies on food and fertilisers by 4.45 per cent compared to the BE of 1999/2000 in the Union Budget for 2000/2001. The entire gamut of subsidies is proposed to be got reviewed by the Expenditure Reforms Commission to be headed by Shri K.P.Geethakrishnan former Finance Secretary.